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## **Statement of Assemblywoman Grace Meng on Congressman Gary Ackerman's Retirement**

Queens, NY - In response to the Congressman Ackerman's announcement that he will not seek re-election, Assemblywoman Grace Meng said, "Gary Ackerman has been a lion in Congress, a true leader we will all miss. Long before it was popular or easier to have meaningful relationships in the Asian-American community, Congressman Ackerman was hard at work making himself helpful there. This new congressional district is heavily Asian, and I will be sitting down with our Queens Democratic Organization Chairman, Congressman Joseph Crowley, our community leaders and activists to discuss how the coming months may shape out."